A Modest Proposal (an essay by Jonathan Swift) Page 620

1. List 3 things that you think are significant about Jonathan Swift in the Meet the Author section.
2. Define the terms:
   1. Satire
   2. Verbal irony
   3. Sustenance
   4. Rudiments
   5. Collateral
   6. Deference
   7. Expedient
   8. Encumbrance
   9. Famine
   10. Propagation
   11. Injustice
3. Margin Activities A-J (Do All)
4. Tiered Discussion Questions:
   1. What is Swift calculating?
   2. Why does Swift use mathematical language to discuss this issue?
   3. Restate what the speaker says about poor adults wishing they had benefited from his proposal when they were babies.
   4. What final point is Swift making?
5. Indicate whether the words in each pair are synonyms or antonyms:
   1. Propagation/reduction
   2. Collateral/accompanying
   3. Famine/feast
   4. Deference/contempt
   5. Encumbrance/advantage
   6. Expedient/convenience
   7. Rudiment/foundation
   8. Sustenance/nourishment
6. On page 633 in the textbook, there is a chart. Answer the following 3 questions based on the information in the chart:
   1. Where would you turn to find out how bloomers get their name?
   2. Where could you find a word that rhymes with aardvark?
   3. Where could you find out the difference between regretful and regrettable?
7. Write a three to five paragraph satirical proposal in the spirit of Jonathan Swift’s essay. Your topic should be an issue you’ve heard or read about recently The issue could relate to something at school, a problem in your town, or an issue that challenges the nation.
   1. Note: Be sure your essay clearly identifies the issue that your proposal will solve, addresses possible opposing views, and uses carefully chosen nouns for satirical effect in your proposal.